

# Commissioners in Action July 3<sup>July 7-11-14</sup>

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**LAKE COUNTY - Lake County Commissioners Bob Aufdush, Dan Troy and Judy Moran meet at 10 a.m. most Thursdays, with some meetings at 2 p.m. on Tuesdays, in**

**the Commissioners' Chambers' Office on the fourth floor of the Lake County Administration Building, 105 Main St., Painesville.**  
All meetings are open to the public. Requests to address the government board may be made at any board meeting or

presented to the Commissioners' Office by calling Amy Elasz at (440) 350-2753. There was a meeting July 8. The next regular meeting will be Thursday, July 17 at 10 a.m.

At the July 3 meeting, the following resolutions were adopted:

## ENGINEERS DEPARTMENT

To advertise for bids for the Lake County Roads Pavement Markings 2014 Project with a bid opening date of July 23.

## UTILITIES DEPARTMENT

Increasing appropriate LCDU Sewer District professional services-consultants; sewer district refunds and reimbursements; and water district professional dues and membership fees.

Approving change order No. 1 increasing the contract in the amount of \$9,090 with Precise Boing of Ohio, LLC for Lakeshore Boulevard Crossing the Chagrin River Waterline Replacement Project No. 304-W.

The change order was due to the need for more pipe and pipe removal.

Certifying unpaid sewer and water sums to the Lake County Auditor.

Authorizing execution of an agreement with URS Corporation for an Integrated Storm and Sanitary Sewer Study in Mentor.

Both entities agreed URS will perform the study which will cost about \$398,439. This is part of LCDU's ongoing plan for infrastructure rehabilitation. The study is expected to be completed this year.

## COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE

Authorizing execution of an agreement for benefit enrollment and administration for the Lake County Government Medical Benefit Program, effective July 7 through Dec. 31, 2017.

This will provide a website for employees to enroll, or make changes to their medical plans. It will also help with the reporting which will be required by the Affordable Care Act, said Bill Margolis, director of Administrative Services.

Declaring the amount of taxes which may be raised within the 10-mill limitation will be insufficient to provide for the necessary requirements of the Lake County Library District, Morley Library, determining that it is necessary to levy a tax in excess and outside of the 10-mill limitation for current expenses of Morley Library (Lake County Library District), said Levy being a renewal of 1 mill for a period of five years, and requesting the county auditor certify the total current tax valuation of Lake County and the dollar amount of revenue that would be generated by the said 1-mill tax.

Troy specified this was a renewal levy and this resolution was the first step for placing it on the November ballot. A second resolution will be required to actually place it on the ballot.

In response to a question during the public comment section, Troy explained the Ohio Constitution allows up to 10 mills (inside millage) to be collected without a vote from the public. Since the Board of Commissioners reduced its share of 2.1 mills to 1 mill, county residents only have 8.9 inside mills collected.

Any additional levies over the 10-mill limit must be approved by the voters. Authorizing the execution and delivery of a cooperative agreement with the Cleveland-Cuyahoga County Port Authority providing for the Cleveland-Cuyahoga County Port Authority to be designated as agent of Lake County and the state of Ohio for purposes of provision of services in connection with Foreign Trade Zone(s) in and for Lake County.

(See story, "Foreign trade zone agreement approved by commissioners.")

Appointing James T. McBride, Alice Walker, and Joanne Zeroste to the Lake County Alcohol, Drug Addiction and Mental Health Services Board for four-year terms expiring June 30, 2018.

Appointing Roger Sustar to the Lakeland Community College Board of Trustees for a five-year term expiring March 6, 2019.

## FINANCE DEPARTMENT

Approving payment of bills in the amount of \$601,708.17.

Approving purchase orders in the amount of \$480,789.48.

## NEW BUSINESS

Troy noted there was a recent news story about the state increasing the amount of Local Government Funds to be distributed to counties and municipalities in the new budget year beginning July 1. Lake County is to receive \$8.9 million and another \$628,643 will go directly to certain communities.

Troy said the county itself is not to receive the whole \$8.9 million, only 11 percent of it per a change in the formula made by commissioners in 1982.

which I've indicated before is the lowest in the state of Ohio; the next lowest is Belmont County with 16 percent and every other county in the state gets at least 30 percent," Troy said.

The balance of 89 percent will be distributed to local communities.

Commissioner Judy Moran said she had recently attended an opiate summit in Columbus with others from Lake County.

"The collaboration between those people is amazing and what I learned from down there is that Lake County is ahead of the curve and I think that needs to continue," she said.

Moran, who is a member of the local narcotics board, said there were nine opiate-related deaths in the county this year. That figure does not include the numerous people who were saved with the administration of Narcan, a drug which revives those who die from overdose if provided soon enough.

## EXECUTIVE SESSION

The commissioners adjourned to executive session to discuss real estate acquisition and legal potential litigation.